

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

Grant Application

P.O. Box 374
Black River Falls, WI 54615

We appreciate your interest in the Educational Enrichment Fund (EEF) grant. The EEF is a designated fund of the Black River Falls Area Foundation. It was created for the purpose of encouraging and promoting worthwhile educational needs of the Black River Falls School District to improve the quality of education within the district for present and future generations.

Any Black River Falls School may apply for a grant. Applications will be accepted April 15 through May 14.

Grant applications are evaluated with consideration to the policies, funding objectives and the bylaws of the EEF. In determining the support to be given to the various needs to enrich the educational system of the BRF School District, consideration shall be given to:

- Requests by Donors at the time of their gift to the EEF;
- Other resources available to meet the educational need;
- The number of students served/benefited;
- Past support provided by the EEF to the particular educational department, grade/age classification or such other considerations as to enrich the educational experience of all students of the BRF School District.

Grants to be considered are those that meet the following criteria:

- A new or innovative nature to fulfill unmet needs
- Capital improvements
- Equipment needs
- Start-up expenses
- Special programs
- Other non-budgeted needs

The EEF Board of Trustees will make the selection of grant recipients, with final approval from the Black River Falls Area Foundation Board of Trustees. Upon completion of the grant project, an evaluation is required to determine the effectiveness of EEF support. The EEF welcomes questions about the application process. Further information is available from any EEF Trustee.

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

April 15, 2011

Date: _____

Name of School: Forrest Street Early Learning Center

Address: 720 Forrest Street

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Contact Person: Kindergarten Teacher

Telephone: 715-284-9406

Briefly describe use of Grant Funds: Our goal is to utilize iPod/iPad technology to better benefit, 4K, kindergarten, 1st grade and special Education students at Forrest Street Early Learning Center. We are asking for \$14,000.00 in total to purchase 2 complete classroom sets of iPod touches and accessories (protective cases and pens) as well as 4 iPads for special education students. 2 docking/charging stations, 7 initial apps per devices as well as iTunes gift cards to purchase future applications.

Project Summary: Briefly describe the project to be funded by the grant, the number of students who will benefit, the grade level being served, the needs it is intended to meet, the results to be accomplished, and how you will evaluate the success of the project.

Having iPods touches and iPads in our classrooms will allow us to work in a large and small group setting while allowing us to also meet individual RTI (Response To Intervention) needs of all students. Having personalized applications for each student will allow them to work at their own level and pace on targeted skills. This flexibility in learning allows each student to make greater gains across the curriculum on their own. This will allow them practice in critical thinking, technology use and problem solving independently.

Forrest Street Early Learning Center staff has been working hard at aligning our curriculum to the National Core Standards while integrating 21st Century skills and meeting RTI (Response To Intervention) requirements. As early elementary teachers we are faced with the challenge of meeting all students individual needs were they are at when they enter our classrooms. Research show s that it takes students 25 repetitions of a particular academic skill before they can master said skill. Therefore, teachers need to have multiple strategies to teach the same academic concept to each student's particular need. This technology will provide classrooms with another tool to meet student needs. This technology also supports our schools vision statement of *Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!*

Have you approached other sources for support? X Yes No (If yes, List Sources)

Black River Falls Area Foundation

Lunda Charitable Trust

If the Educational Enrichment Fund funds a portion of your request, what alternative plans do you have for additional funding?

If we are granted a portion of our request we hope that one of the other foundations that we are applying to will grant us additional funding.

Use attachments or this additional space, if necessary

See attachments for budget outline and sample schedule of technology usage.

If our application is funded, we agree to complete and submit a Grant Evaluation Form provided by the Educational Enrichment Fund Committee within one year from the date the funds are received.

Applicant (Print)

Title

Signature

School Principal (Print)

Title

Signature

Mail Completed Application to:

Ann Pederson, Chairman
Educational Enrichment Fund Committee
P O Box 374
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Or, email document to:

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